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CHINA.

Plague in Hongkong.

MANILA, P. I., October 8, 1900.

SIR: Continuing my report of plague in Hongkong, I have the honor to inform you that for the week ended September 15, 1900, there were 5 cases and 5 deaths; for the week ended September 22, 1900, 1 case and 1 death, and for that ended September 29, 1900, 5 cases and 5 deaths.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., October 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to hereby report that during the week ended October 6, 1900, there occurred only 3 cases of plague in Hongkong.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Reports from Hongkong—Deaths from plague.*

HONGKONG, CHINA, October 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith the sanitary report for the week ended October 13, 1900.

Total deaths from all causes during the week reported were 101; number of deaths due to plague, 4. This number no doubt falls much below the actual number, but the statistics are valuable from a comparative standpoint, showing that the epidemic of the past summer began to subside much earlier than the epidemic of 1899.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONGKONG, CHINA, October 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of transactions at this station for the week ended October 20, 1900:

The number of cases of plague in the colony during the week was 3, and deaths 3.

Until this year no attempt was made toward enforcing Article V, paragraph 8, of the Quarantine Regulations, except on steamers leaving for Honolulu and San Francisco.

Through an arrangement made by the various companies with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company the work of bathing and disinfection of steerage passengers and crews has been carried on for all vessels going to United States ports. The work is superintended by Chinese employees of the Pacific Mail Company, and the plant is of such a limited capacity it hardly seems possible that the work could be done efficiently, considering the large number of Asiatics leaving each week.

I was informed by a representative of a number of the large shipping firms that they could have a disinfecting barge ready in a few days, and I advised him to hasten the work on it, as it would be of the greatest service.

There are absolutely no facilities for the disinfection of articles injured by steam, such as books, trunks, papers, curios, etc. In the past the practice has been to steam all textile fabrics among the passengers' personal effects, using no precautions for the above-mentioned articles.

Believing that rats are a source of great danger, coming in contact with cargo as it is taken aboard, I have advised the disinfection of steamers with sulphur prior to taking on freight.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *November 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 14, 1900, the following-named vessels were inspected, clearing for ports in the United States. Triplicate copies of the United States Marine-Hospital certificates, numbering 3, attached to the United States bills of health, are herewith inclosed.

November 10, steamship *Porto Rico*, American; Dalton, master; crew, 27; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala.; steamship *Bodo*, Norwegian; Jullum, master; crew, 15; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala. November 12, steamship *Simon Dumois*, Norwegian; Nieuwejaar, master; crew, 15; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala.

Two deaths have occurred during the past week, 1 colored child from fever, in the town of Bocas del Toro, and the other at Macca Hill, near the town, a Norwegian adult, from pernicious anæmia.

All the recent cases of yellow fever are progressing favorably, and there are no additional cases to be reported since November 7.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *November 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended November 10, 1900. The following vessels have cleared from this port:

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	No. of crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers.	Number pieces baggage disinfected.
Nov. 5	Steamship <i>Athos</i>	Lund.....	38	New York.....
Nov. 8	Steamship <i>Anselm</i>	Brown.....	37	New Orleans, La.....	11
Nov. 10	Steamship <i>Alabama</i>	Severtsan.....	17do.....	0	0

The case of yellow fever in Port Limon, reported by cable October 31, is now convalescing. Since the death of the captain of steamship *Adler*, on November 1, there have been no new cases. This vessel has been disinfected by local authorities and is still in quarantine. Two